

REMARKS

Prompt and favorable allowance of the pending claims in the application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the specification

The specification is amended to correct some informalities in the originally-filed specification.

Specifically, the specification at page 8, lines 15-17, is amended by the removal of “w” in reference to Fig. 2. As originally stated, the specification indicates that the wound dressing is intended to placed against a wound bed. Other drawing figures, such as Figs. 5-9 exemplify the wound dressing placed over a wound bed. There is no need to identify a wound bed in Fig. 2 since the wound dressing is readily understood in connection with other drawings showing a wound bed w.

Further, the specification is amended on page 12 to provide a brief description on Fig. 12. Support for this description is found in originally-filed Fig. 12, and the specification on page 6, lines 4-10. No new matter is considered to be entered into the application by way of this amendment

Next, the specification is amended to correctly denote the projection elements with reference numeral “57” instead of “56.”

In certain instances, reference numeral “43” now reads “47.”

Lastly, reference to “the needles,” has been replaced with the consistent usage of the term “the projection elements.”

Entry of the amendment to the specification is respectfully requested.

2. In the claims

In the “Amendment to the Claims,” independent claims 1 and 12 are amended with subject matter considered allowable in the action. Specifically, claim 1 is amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Claim 4 originally depended

from claim 1. Claim 12 is amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 18. Claim 18 originally depended from claim 12. Claims 4 and 18 are both canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Because claims 1 and 12 are both amended to include allowable subject matter, allowance of these claims and the claims dependent therefrom is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 21 and 25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 23, which depends from claim 21, is also canceled. The applicant reserves all rights to the subject matter recited in the canceled claims, and to file these claims or derivatives thereof in a continuation application.

In view of the amendment to claims 1 and 12, and the cancellation of claims 21 and 25, the rejections of the claims on the basis of prior art are moot.

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3. Conclusion

As a result of the amendments to the claims and specification, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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